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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT & PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office communication mailed April 7, 2006, requiring restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121, Applicants elect with traverse the claims of Group II (claims 13-20, composition claims). This response is timely filed.

A complete list of the pending claims, including a preliminary amendment to elected claim 13, follows.